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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Berthold WEDDING  
TRANSMITTER AND PRECODER FOR OPTICAL MSK SIGNALS  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref. Q77656

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 10 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheets of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE  
CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

|                           |    |   |    |   |   |   |         |   |                  |
|---------------------------|----|---|----|---|---|---|---------|---|------------------|
| Total claims              | 26 | - | 20 | = | 6 | x | \$18.00 | = | \$108.00         |
| Independent claims        | 6  | - | 3  | = | 3 | x | \$84.00 | = | \$252.00         |
| Base Fee                  |    |   |    |   |   |   |         |   | \$750.00         |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>   |    |   |    |   |   |   |         |   | <b>\$1110.00</b> |
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| <b>TOTAL FEE</b>          |    |   |    |   |   |   |         |   | <b>\$1150.00</b> |

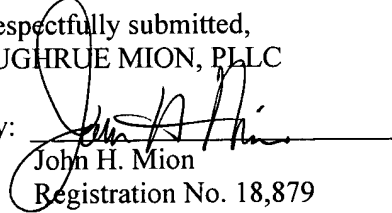
Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1110.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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| Europe         | 03290896.4            | April 9, 2003      |
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The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

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